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HEIJNEN, W.H.P.M.)

Serial No. 09/724,079)

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Pipe Connecting Method)

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.112

The following amendments and remarks are responsive to an office action mailed on October 24, 2001 in prosecution of the above-identified US patent application. Reconsideration of the above identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested. The application is believed to be in condition for allowance and allowance of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Replace the FIGURE with the enclosed sheet. Additions are shown in red ink.

Replace the paragraph starting on line 22 of page 4 with the following:

-- In order to improve the sealing of the connection, a sleeve of shape-memory alloy is provided on the outer surface of the first end of the second pipe and on the inner surface of

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